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POLITICAL.

The Najru-l-Akhbar (Etawah), of the 24th April, regrets to state that the British Government Central Asian affairs. has for some time past been pursuing a policy of peace-at-any-price, which has greatly lowered British prestige. Mr. Gladstone, who is an adept in felling trees, is cutting, so to speak, the roots of the British Empire. It was simply owing to his anti-Turkish sympathies that the British Government did not help the Porte during the late Russo-Turkish War. If the former had espoused the cause of the latter and crippled the strength of Russia, she would not have been able to advance in Central Asia so rapidly. In an article contributed by Mr. Gladstone to an English journal in 1876 he observed that he did not see why Herat and Afghánistán should long keep Russia at a distance from this country, and that it was wrong to charge her with a desire of aggrandisement! Even now he fully believes her assurances. Sir Peter Lumsden has repeatedly declared that General Komaroff's attack on Panjdeh was quite

Circulation, 275 copies. unprovoked; but the Grand Old Man makes light of the affair, and is even prepared to cede Panjdeh to Russia. It is not difficult to understand what an evil effect such a policy will have on the Afgháns.

Circulation, 300 copies.

The Gham Khwar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 25th April, states that the Calcutta Statesman Kashmir and the frontier difficulty. has declared that, in the event of an outbreak of hostilities between England and Russia, British troops will be undoubtedly sent to Kashmir to protect the But the establishment of a British canfrontier on that side. tonment in that State would create suspicions in the minds of the Kashmiris. There is good reason to think that, in consequence of the great physical impediments in the way, Russia would not attempt to send an expedition to this country from that direction. If she has the folly to do so, the Mahárájá's army, assisted by Chinese troops, would be able to keep the expeditionary force at bay. In case of war with Russia, the British Government should make it a point to win China over to its side.

Circulation, 300 copies.

The Khair Khwah-i-Kashmir (Lahore), of the 23rd April, referring to the rumour regarding the Appointment of a Euappointment of one Mr. M. Sime as ropean tutor to the Maháraja of Patials. tutor to the Maharaja of Patiala, condemns the practice of entrusting the education of young native princes to Europeans. It is of opinion that a native prince should first be instructed in the language, literature, and religion of his forefathers by tutors of his own class. After he has finished, so to speak, his Oriental education, he should commence his English studies, which should also be conducted under native and not European teachers. It is well known that the spread of English education in this country has been attended by an utter disregard of good religious restrictions and an increase of drunkenness, adultery and fraud. There are few native chiefs who are not addicted to the use of spirituous liquors. This is the fault of the education they have received. The Maharaja of Dholpur, who has been brought up under the care of a European tutor, has not been quite a success. The editor, who had once occasion to pay His Highness a visit, will here content himself with saying that he was surprised to find the Mahárájá incapable of expressing himself in good idiomatic vernacular. Surely Englishmen would not like to see the education of a young English prince entrusted to a Brahmin or a Mulla. The Mahárájá of Patiala should be first placed under the tuition of an able Pandit and an able Sodhi. Mr. Sime cannot be expected to instruct him in his sacred books, acquaint him with the customs and manners of his class of people, and impress upon him the necessity of refraining from the use of spirituous liquors.

The Shafig-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 25th April, in commenting upon the subject of native Native volunteering and the Madras Government. volunteering, observes that, as the entire regular army in this country is only 1,80,000 strong, and as there are no reserve and militia here, there is imperative necessity for the enlistment of a strong native volunteer But the misfortune is that Government does not trust the loyalty of natives. Referring to the refusal of the Madras Government to sanction the admission of natives to the Madras Volunteer Corps, the Shafiq remarks that the refusal will damp the enthusiasm of natives in all parts of the country. However, it would advise its countrymen not to lose heart, but to continue the agitation until their efforts are crowned with success.

The same paper regrets to state that Lord Dufferin's reply to the address of the Indian Association, La. Association of Lahore was a very dishore.

appointing one. His Lordship evaded some of the important questions that had been raised in the address, and his comments on the subject of native volunteering and revision of the Arms Act were most unsatisfactory, and calculated to dishearten the native population. He is no doubt a perfect master of the English language and pleases

Circulation, 400 copies. his audience by his eloquence, but his speeches have no meaning. (The Hindustání (Lucknow), of the 26th April, in commenting upon the Viceroy's reply, condemns it as very unsatisfactory, and remarks that His Excellency's prejudiced Anglo-Indian councillors may apprehend danger from the formation of native volunteer corps, but that such an apprehension is quite unfounded. The Hindustání thinks that, in view of the near approach of Russia, native volunteering should be encouraged as much as possible.)

Circulation, 275 copies. The Panjábi Akhbár (Lahore) of the 22nd April, advertEnlistment of native ing to the memorials forwarded to volunteers. Government from the different parts of the country praying for the formation of native volunteer corps, hopes that Government will see its way to extend the concession to natives, otherwise they would be induced to imagine that Government has no faith in their loyalty (The Anjuman-i-Hind, Lucknow, of the 25th April, and the Prayág Samáchár, Allahabad, of the 29th April, also publish articles in favor of the enlistment of native volunteers).

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 600 copies.

A correspondent of the Hindustani (Lucknow), of the 24th April, states that he views the Maulvi Sami-ul-lah Khán's elevation to Dis-trict Judgeship of Ráe appointment of Maulvi Sami-ul-lah Khán, Subordinate Judge of Aligarh, Bareli. to be District Judge of Rae Bareli with feelings of surprise and regret. In fact, no right-thinking man, to whatever class of the community he may belong, can approve of the appointment. True, the Maulvi is a good Arabic and Persian scholar, and speaks Urdu fluently and eloquently, but he is by no means fit for a District Judgeship. He is not at all acquainted with English, a knowledge of which is essential to a District Judge. His elevation also involves an injusties to other judicial officers who had better claims to the office both in point of seniority and merit. His only recommendation seems to be that he is in the good books of Sir Auckland Colvin, that he belongs to that influential sect of

Musalmans which is headed by Saiyid Ahmad Khan, and that he was attached to Lord Northbrook's staff during his late Egyptian mission. Government could not have adopted a worse method for bringing the public service into disrepute than by elevating a man to such a high office on such grounds. If his services in Egypt were worthy of a substantial reward, a jagir or a political pension should have been granted to him. His friends are sure to ascribe the opposition to his promotion to race feeling, but nothing could be more unjust than such an insinuation. It will be remembered that Mr. Saiyid Mahmud's appointment, which was quite unexceptionable, was hailed with delight by Hindus and Muhammadans alike. Rác Hazári Lál, Subordinate Judge, Rác Náráyan Dás, Judge of Small Cause Court, and several other English-knowing members of the judicial service in these provinces were far better qualified for the post in question than the Maulvi. The writer yields to no other person in his sympathy with Musalmans, but wants fair play and no favor.

The Oudh Akhbar (Lucknow), of the 29th April, in a communicated article, observes that The same. some Bengali newspapers find fault with Maulyi Sami-ul-lah Khán's promotion to the District Judgeship of Ráe Bareli on the ground that he does not know English, and recommend Bábu Dwarka Náth Banarji for the office. But the Maulvi speaks and understands English fairly well, and he will also be able to write it if he studies only for a few months. Moreover, it is not at all necessary for a District Judge to know English, as the language of the people and the Court is vernacular. It is surprising that no Bengali newspaper has ever thought of protesting against the appointment of European Barristers-at-law, quite ignorent of the language of the people, as Judges of the High Court. There seems to be no reason why the Maulvi should refuse to accept the District Judgeship unless Sir Comer Petheram and Mr. Justice Straight resign their appointments in the

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High Court in consequence of their ignorance of verna-

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The Waqaya-i-Alam (Ghazipur), of the 20th April, complains that the Subordinate Judge of Subordinate Judge of Ghazipur is at present so bent on Gházipur. clearing his file that he goes to Court as early as 5 A. M., and at once dismisses suits if plaintiffs or their pleaders are absent. The disposal of suits in this way may be in accordance with the letter of the law, but it seriously interferes with justice. It is believed that a suit of large value has been lately dismissed by the Subordinate Judge, simply because the counsel for the plaintiff was a little late in attending Court. The fact is that he is an old man and cannot Government would do well to transfer him to a work hard. smaller district.

The same paper, referring to the letter forwarded by Captain Hearsey to the Government of Mr Laidman, C.S., Subordinate Judge, Dehra India accusing Mr. Laidman, C.S., of abusing a native suitor in open Court, regrets to state that Sir Alfred Lyall has espoused the cause of Mr. Laidman and authorised him to prosecute Captain Hearsey for defamation, ordering Mr. Hill, Public Prosecutor, His Honor's action shows that to assist in the prosecution. Government considers European officers perfectly justified in abusing natives in Court! He has yet done nothing to endear his administration to natives, but his action in the case in question will, on the contrary, bring British justice into desrepute and alienate the hearts of the people from him. His policy cannot be too strongly condemned. It is incumbent on natives to help Captain Hearsey at the impending trial.

The Rafiq-i-Hind (Lahore), in commenting upon the case in

Rafiq-i-Hind defama- which Muharram Ali, the proprietor
tion case. and editor of that paper, was prosecuted by Diwán Dás Mal for defamation and sentenced to one

month's imprisonment by Mr. Parker, discusses the four following questions:-(1) What are the sentiments of Mr. Parker regarding the Native Press? (2) What are the relations between Mr. Parker and Muharram Ali? (3) What are the relations between Mr. Parker and Diwan Das Mal? (4) What were Mr. Parker's illegal proceedings in the case in question? As regards the first question, Mr. Parker's feeling towards the Native Press is evident from his decisions in the Akhbar-i-Am, the Arya Mittra, and the Rafiq-i-Hind defamation cases. In his judgment in the Arya Mittra case Mr. Parker observed that, as the editor of the Akhbar-i-Am, in spite of his punishment, persisted in his reckless policy of abuse, he would sentence the editor of the Arya Mittra to imprisonment. In regard to the second question, Muharram Ali observes that he has had the honor of being acquainted with Mr. Parker since he was editor of the Koh-i-Núr. Muharram Ali always paid him visits at his house with his shoes on, and he complained of this to a friend of Muharram Ali. Editor also refers to the hot discussions he had with Mr. Parker at private interviews in connection with the Bengali contempt case, and the proposed appointment of a native to the bench of the Lahore Chief Court. As regards the third question, the editor remarks that Mr. Parker is for some reason or another very kind to Dás Mal and has appointed him guardian of several minors. Complaints have often been made to Mr. Parker regarding his mismanagement of their estates in vain. The Raftq will answer the fourth question in the next issue.

A correspondent of the Anjuman-i-Panjáb (Lahore), of

Boarding-house attach.
ed to the High School at months ago the boarding-house atLudhiana.

tached to the High School at Ludhiana was managed in an excellent manner, but that the present administration is very unsatisfactory. Although the income has not been diminished, the chaukidar and the washerman have been dismissed and even the supply of beds

Circulation, 400 copies. orders which are very harassing to students. No student is allowed to leave the boarding-house after 7 p.m., although that is just the time when students would like to have their evening walks. Smoking has been strictly prohibited under a penalty of a fine of 4 annas. This sudden prohibition presses severely on habitual smokers. Undoubtedly the habit is not a good one, but it should have been discouraged by bringing the disadvantages of it home to students. The head-master has also prohibited the cooking of meat within the premises of the boarding-house, although the Hindu students never raised any objection to it.

Circulation, 250 copies.

The Hindi Pradip (Allahabad), for May, states that it appears from the History of Gaz-Recruitment of Subordinate Judicial and Execuetted Officers for the United Provintive Services in the United Provinces. ces that more than two-thirds of the native members of the Subordinate Judicial and Executive Services originally entered the public service on small salaries varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 25. Can such persons, who have not received high education, and who have been brought up under the tainted atmosphere of inferior officialism, lay claim to honesty, impartiality and independence of character? A tahsildar or munsif, who most gladly accepted bribes of two or four annas when he was a muharrir, will hardly refuse a bribe of Rs. 50. If this class of officers are posted to the places where their homes are situated, has been the case with some officers in Kumaun, they molest and oppress their old enemies. The Subordinate Judicial and Executive Services should be recruited from among competent and educated persons of whom there is now no dearth in these provinces.

Circulation, 300 copies.

The Khair Khwah-i-Kashmir (Lahore), of the 23rd April,
Acquittal of persons regrets to state that Mr. Parker,
charged with distributing forged votes at the late mu.
Extra Judicial Assistant Commisnicipal elections, Lahore. sioner, Lahore, has acquitted all
those persons who were sent to him by the Deputy Commis-

sioner for trial on the charge of distributing forged votes at the time of the late municipal elections. Their acquittal will lower the prestige of the Deputy Commissioner in the eyes of the people and also encourage the repetition of the evil in future. The Khair Khwak has a high opinion of Mr. Parker's ability and sense of justice, but the public is not satisfied with his decisions in the case in question and the Rafiq-i-Hind defamation case.

The Aftáb-i-Panjáb (Lahore), of the 27th April, states

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that the foot-note given under form
mons for disposal of suits
used by Civil Courts in
the Panjab.

No. 117 of summons for disposal of
suits in the 4th schedule of the Civil

Procedure Code, is intended for the guidance of Court officials. But the foot-note is also to be found in the printed summons issued by Civil Courts. Surely the retention of the note in the summons exactly in the form in which it is printed in the Code is not very creditable to the intelligence of Court officials.

The same paper laments the poverty of this country, and Decline of native in- ascribes it to the decline of native dustries.

Trade and industry, brought about by European competition, and to the exclusion of natives from the higher ranks of the public service. The Aftdb calls upon well-to-do classes of the native community to establish industrial schools and patronize native manufactures.

A correspondent of the Ghamkhwdr-i-Hind (Lahore), of Alleged irregularities in the 25th April, writing from Hoshiar-connection with the late Middle-School Examina. pur, states that the late Middle-School Examination, Hoshiarpur. Examination was held at that place on the 6th idem and following days. The arrangements made for the supervision of the examination were most unsatisfactory. Several persons who had no connection with the Educational Department assisted candidates in answering the questions in an illegal way. The writer himself saw the editor of the local newspaper getting problems

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solved outside the school, and sending the answers to examinees through school chaptasis, who are reported to have received Rs. 5 each for this service. Even the editor might have been paid something by candidates. It is believed that one or two guards in charge of the examination-room were also in intrigue and connived at these irregularities. Mr. Basten, Headmaster of the District School at Jalandar, and Lála Rám Chand and Lála Murli Dhar, teachers, were on the alert, but they did not suspect such things.

Circulation, 300 copies.

The Ghamkhwar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 25th April, referring to the Lahore stabbing case, re-Labore stabbing case. grets to say that the chaprasi still lies in a precarious state, and there is no hope of his surviving. Different pleas are being urged in defence of the assailant in order to secure his acquittal. At first the Civil and Military Gazette declared that he was drunk at the time of committing the assault. But now it has given out that the chaprasi has stated on re-examination that he was not stabled by the accused! If the later statement of the chaprasi is as it has been published in the Gazette, evidently it has been made under unjust pressure and is not trustworthy. It is to be hoped that a thorough enquiry will be made into the case and justice will be dispensed with impartiality.

Circulation, 80 copies. A correspondent of the Tahsib (Moradabad), of the 27th

Need for a railway between Moradabad and constructed between Moradabad and
Rampur.

Rampur, and thinks that the line is
sure to pay. Referring to the metalled road between the
two places, the writer complains that the road is planted
with babal and other trees of that kind, which do not afford
good shade to travellers.

NATIVE STATES.

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The Kavivachan Sudhá (Benares), of the 20th April,

Maháráj Jagat Jang Baregrets to say that Lord Dufferin,

hádur of Nepal.

who induced Maháráj Jagat Jang

Bahádur to go back to Nepal from Benares some time ago, has not yet done anything to effect a conciliation between him and his father, Maháráj Ranodip Singh.

A correspondent of the Ghamkhwar-i-Hind (Lahore),
of the 25th April, writing from Hyemployed formation of a mounted volunteer corps at Hyderabad.

A correspondent of the Ghamkhwar-i-Hind (Lahore),
of the 25th April, writing from Hyderabad, states that it is believed that the Nizam has resolved to form a

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corps of mounted volunteers, to which the sons of the nobility and gentry in the State will be admitted.

POST-OFFICE AND RAILWAY.

The Reformer (Lahore), of the 22nd April, states that apparently the distribution of the Delivery of letters through the sub-post offices in the city, Lahore. mail through the sub-post offices in the city, Lahore, was intended to expedite the delivery. But the result has been just the reverse. The editor receives his letters sometimes from one post office and sometimes from another after a delay of two or three days, and some letters do not reach him at all. This complaint is general throughout the city. The Reformer would recommend the revival of the former arrangement, under which all letters were delivered through the General Post office.

Circulation, 700 copies.

The Khair Khwah-i-Kashmir (Lahore), of the 23rd

April, also condemns the new arrangement for the delivery of letters through the sub-post offices at Lahore. The editor states that formerly he received a copy of the Dáru-l-Salinat, a bi-weekly newspaper of Calcutta, regularly enough, but that since the new arrangement has come into force he has received only one copy up to this time. The present system is also a source of great inconvenience to postal officials. The delivery peons get letters and money-orders from the post office at 1 P. M., and have to return all money-orders to the post office at 4 P. M. which they have not been able to pay by that time.

Circulation, 300 copies.

Circulation, 450 copies. The Amritsar correspondent of the Koh-i-Nar (Lahore), of the 28th April, referring to the new through the sub-post of system for the delivery of letters through the sub-post offices in the city, Amritsar, thanks the postal authorities for their solicitude to promote the public convenience, but regrets to observe that the new system does not work well in practice and causes more delay in the delivery than before. The writer is of opinion that the General Post-office should be removed to a suitable place within the city, and thinks that the post-office at the railway station, if strengthened by the transfer of one or two hands from the General Post-office to it, would be quite sufficient for the requirements of the European population.

Circulation, 500 copies. The Aftáb-i-Panjáb (Lahore), of the 24th April, urges

High price of the plat- that the price of the platform ticket
form ticket at Delhi. at the railway station at Delhi, which
has been fixed at one anna, should be reduced. The ticket is
supplied for a quarter of an anna at Lahore.

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The Ghamkhwdr-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 25th April,

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tickets at the railway station at Lahore.

The Ghamkhwdr-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 25th April,

complains that the European official
who supplies platform tickets at the
railway station at Lahore does not
treat the people properly, and asks Mr. David Ross, Traffic
Manager, to see to this.

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